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Dear Chairman Powell:

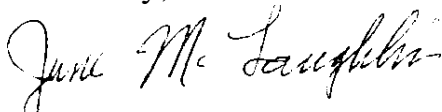
After doing research on the topic of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, I am appalled at what is taking place right now. By deregulating the media further, you are weakening the ability of the consumer of getting information that is diverse and uncensored. Please vote against further deregulation.

The legacy of our founding fathers is very rich. They understood that setting up a diverse, well-funded media system with a broad range of viewpoints was the essence of building of the oxygen for democracy. It took conscious policies. It didn't happen naturally - you had to work for it. With more deregulation, this will not happen. Our news will come from a very narrow source.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has lowered some long standing limits on the number of media outlets that any one company could own in a single market. Our media should not be deregulated further. The FCC was established in 1934 to see that the nation's broadcasters served the public interest - making sure the airwaves were used for more than commercial purposes alone.

I know I am only one voice, but I hope it counts.

Sincerely,

  
June McLaughlin

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